

NOVEMBER'S THEME: HONESTY

The Trail Blazer

Mackinaw Trail Middle School

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NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2, 2007

Principals' VOICES

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that November is already here. I am sure everyone looking forward to Daylight Savings Time this weekend. Set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday.

This month our students will be focusing on the life skill called honesty. This is so important in today's world because sometimes it seems that our culture does not emphasize the importance of this core value. One only has to watch the debates on TV to get a sense of how confusing it has become to determine if someone is being honest. We want to trust that what we hear from others is the truth, but it can be difficult. It is refreshing however to see the students at school demonstrate honesty on a daily basis. This shows not only that this life skill is being taught at home, but also that they have internalized it. They are "walking the talk" as the saying goes!

Conferences are from 12:30pm to 7:00pm on Thursday, November 8th. Students will be dismissed at 11:10am. Look for a confirmation letter in the mail with the time that you are scheduled to meet with your child's teacher.

Have a great weekend with family and friends.

Andy Brown
Principal

VOCABULARY WORD OF THE WEEK

Skirmish – a minor, short-term fight

There were big consequences for the little skirmish.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri, Nov. 2nd

Parent/Teacher conference letters mailed

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Picture retakes

Thurs, Nov 8- school dismissal @ 11:10 conferences

12:30pm – 7:00pm

Parent/Teacher conferences

Thurs, Fri & Sat (Nov 8,9 & 10) – 7:00pm

The King and I Musical @ Cadillac Community Auditorium

Mon, Nov 12-dismissal @ 11:10am

Teacher Professional Development

Mon, Nov 12 – 5:00pm

7th Boys Basketball Gaylord Middle School @ Cadillac

Thurs, Nov 15- No School

Deer Hunting

Nov 22-23 – No School

Thanksgiving Holiday

To Report Absences or Leave a message for a student...

The direct line to the Student Office at Mackinaw Trail is **876-5602**. Please dial that number when you wish to report an absence or leave a message for a student.

...AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING ...

... a free program provided again this year at Mackinaw Trail. Tutoring is held Monday through Thursday from 2:45 – 3:45.

Transportation home will be arranged through the CWTA. Registration forms are now available in the Student Office. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Deitrick, Counselor (876-5610) or Mr. Brown, Principal (876-5600).

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 8th, from 12:30 – 7:00pm. The final Parent/Teacher conference schedule was mailed today (Friday, November 2nd).

Cadillac Area Public Schools Music Department

Presents

Rogers and Hammerstein's

The King and I

November 8, 9, & 10

Cadillac Community Auditorium

7:00pm

TICKETS: 8.00

Tickets at box office each night

Advance tickets available at any CAPS school two weeks before show



IMPORTANT REMINDER



Please watch the television and listen to the radio in the mornings for school closings & delays. Continue to watch & listen as changes and updates are made through out the morning.

YMCA FUN DAY

The YMCA has planned some fun activities when school is off on November 15, 2007. Middle School & Jr. High students are welcome. There will be Skating & broomball at the Wex and activities at the Teen Center. Time schedule, lunch menu, fees and activities are listed on the Information/Registration forms available in the Student Office. Please feel free to stop in and pick one up!

THANK YOU!

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the Cadillac Movie Theater for providing popcorn for all of our students for our activity day. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. Also, a big thank you to our volunteers who helped bag the popcorn: **Lupe Brown, Shawn Minor, Ann Wilkinson and Jeri Kring**. Thank you!!

CASA

The Cadillac All Sports Association's Eleventh Annual Spaghetti Dinner is Monday, November 5,

2007 from 4:30pm-7:00pm at the Cadillac Grill at Eldorado. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

FUNDRAISER UPDATE

The students who sold 30 items or more will be taking their *limousine ride* on Wednesday, November 14th! The "surprise" part is still in the works, but let's just say, these students do not need to bring their lunch that day!



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget to adjust your clocks on Sunday, November 4, 2007.

UNITED WAY

"The Giving Basket, Dollars and Cents Drive"

Beginning November 1st the students will be able to participate in the United Way of Wexford County's "The Giving Basket, Dollars and Cents Drive." Money collected in our community stays in the community and provides services to families in need. The classrooms have a friendly competition to raise money with the winning classroom will receive a pizza party. Students are encouraged to bring in loose change to put in their teams' containers. The drive ends on November 14th.

Eagle Village Foster Care & Adoption

Eagle Village foster care & adoption presents "Connecting Families through Fun." It is a free, family-friendly activity open to the public to increase awareness of the need for foster & adoptive parents. It will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10 ~ 1-4 pm at Ferris State University Student Recreation Center in Big Rapids. Activities will include swimming, carnival games & prizes for the kids, the Heart of Michigan clowns, basketball, H.O.P.E. puppet show, family fun photos & law enforcement youth information. Information on foster care & adoption will be available. For more information please call 231-832-7270 or email klockhart@eaglevillage.org.

NOTICE: ½ DAY OF SCHOOL

Monday, November 12th will be a half day for students. Our teachers will be participating in professional development that afternoon. Lunch will not be served that day. Dismissal at 11:10am.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

www.vikingnet.org